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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL ANNOUNCES NEW COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) President and Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter announced that Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna has been selected to Co-Chair of the NAAG Financial Practices Committee.

“With the rise in identity theft and an increasing number of Internet scams, the Financial Practices Committee has a lot of work to do,” McKenna said. “Financial crimes do not stop at the state line—and many of them are international in nature. We need to coordinate our efforts to keep our states’ families safe from financial crimes.”

As chief legal officers of the states, commonwealths and territories of the United States, the Attorneys General have an array of responsibilities dealing in areas of consumer protection and law enforcement.

In making this appointment, Attorney General Carter praised the leadership of Attorney General McKenna and thanked him for his continued effort to foster interstate cooperation and communication in the area of financial practices.

“Since taking office in January, Attorney General McKenna established himself as a national leader in addressing Internet crime and boosting consumer protection. Under his

leadership, this committee will work to coordinate efforts and update all state attorneys general on financial practices,” Attorney General Carter said.

Attorney General Carter worked diligently with Attorneys General to select the 2005 NAAG committee leadership. For his presidential year, Attorney General Carter said he would work to enhance the transparency of NAAG and its accountability.

NAAG committees are charged with studying all substantive matters within their jurisdiction and making recommendations to the Attorneys General. The Financial Practices Committee will be supported by work from other Attorneys General staff and NAAG staff alike. The committee will convene throughout the year to ensure that Attorneys General and their staffs are working together and are updated on all relevant issues in the area of financial practices.

The National Association of Attorneys General was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and to assist in the delivery of high quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions. NAAG fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues and facilitates communication between the states’ chief legal officers and all levels of government.

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